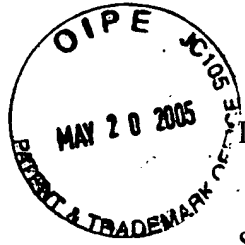


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In response to the Official Action mailed February 18, 2005, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks to place this application in condition for allowance.